

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claim 1 in accordance with the following:

1. **(CURRENTLY AMENDED)** A pouch-type lithium secondary battery comprising:
a battery unit comprising:
 a positive electrode plate,
 a separator, and
 a negative electrode plate,
 wherein the separator is disposed between the positive and negative electrode plates;
 electrode tabs extending from each of the positive and negative electrode plates;
 a case having a space to accommodate the battery unit, comprising upper and lower case bodies that are joined together at; a sealing surface disposed along the periphery of the space; and
 a protection circuit board directly electrically connected to the positive and negative electrode plates, via the electrode tabs, wherein,
 the electrode tabs extend from the positive and negative electrode plates, through the sealing surface of the case, and are then bent only once, so as to extend in a plane that is disposed at a substantially right angle with respect to a plane of the sealing surface, without extending beyond a thickness of the case, and
 the protection circuit board is disposed between an outer wall of the case and the bent electrode tabs.
2. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The pouch-type lithium secondary battery of claim 1, wherein the electrode tabs are disposed parallel to the outer wall of the case, in an upright position, and are perpendicular to a contact surface at which the sealing surface is contacted.

3-7. (CANCELED)

8. (ORIGINAL) The pouch-type lithium secondary battery of claim 1, further comprising insulating tape to provide electrical insulation between the electrode tabs and the sealing surface, wherein the insulating tape is wrapped around the portions of the electrode tabs bent from a leading edge of the sealing surface.

9-18. (CANCELED)

19. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The pouch-type lithium secondary battery of claim 1,
wherein the electrode tabs connect to the protection circuit board on a side opposite to the outer wall of the case.